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1. FOLLOWING IS THE FULL TEXT OF VICE-PRESIDENT MONDALE'S
REMARKS TO THE PRESS FOLLOWING HIS MEETINGS JANUARY 24 WITH
SECRETARY JOSEPH LUNS AND THE COUNCIL OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC
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2. QUOTE:
WE HAD AN EXCELLENT MEETING THIS MORNING, FIRST WITH SECRETARY
GENERAL LUNS WHERE WE EXPLORED MANY OF OUR COMMON CONCERNS,
AND THEN WITH THE FULL NATO COUNCIL WHERE I DELIVERED A
STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES;

AND FOLLOWING THAT WE HAD A FULL RANGING DISCUSSION ABOUT THE CONCERNS WHICH THE VARIOUS MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL HAVE REGARDING THE NATO ALLIANCE.

IT WAS A VERY, VERY USEFUL MEETING AND I WILL BRING BACK WITH ME TO THE PRESIDENT A HOST OF EXCELLENT SUGGESTIONS ABOUT IMPROVING AND STRENGTHENING THE ALLIANCE AND THE CONSULTATIVE PROCESS ESSENTIAL TO THE CONTINUATION OF AN EFFECTIVE ASSOCIATION. IN MY REMARKS, WHICH WILL BE RELEASED SHORTLY IF THEY'VE NOT ALREADY BEEN, I CONVEYED PRESIDENT CARTER'S FULL COMMITMENT TO NATO AS VITAL TO US - EUROPEAN SECURITY, THE PRESIDENT'S DETERMINATION TO MAINTAIN FULLY EFFECTIVE DEFENSE FORCES IN EUROPE, THE POINT IS THAT WHILE WE ARE GOING TO FIND ECONOMIES IN THE DEFENSE BUDGET IT WILL NOT BE REFLECTED IN CUTS IN NATO MUSCLE. INDEED, THERE ARE PROGRAMMED INCREASES IN NATO CONTRIBUTIONS WHICH WILL BE FULFILLED BY OUR GOVERNMENT, AND THE UNITED STATES IN ADDITION IS PREPARED TO DO MORE IN COOPERATION WITH THE MEMBERS OF THE ALLIANCE.

WE WILL BE CONSULTING VERY CLOSELY IN THE MONTHS AHEAD ON WAYS TO INCREASE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF NATO FORCES AND THAT'S A MATTER THAT WILL TAKE A GOOD DEAL OF OUR ATTENTION AND THE ATTENTION OF THE ALLIANCE. WE HAD DISCUSSIONS ALSO THIS MORNING ON EAST-WEST RELATIONS, ON THE MATTER OF STRATEGIC ARMS LIMITATION, THE MUTUAL BALANCED FORCE REDUCTION OBJECTIVES AS WELL AS OTHER CONCERNS. IT WAS A VERY, VERY USEFUL MEETING AND I COME AWAY VERY-VERY PLEASED AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUED ASSOCIATIONS.

3. THANK YOU VERY MUCH AND WE WILL HAVE OUR NEWS CONFERENCE LATER TODAY.

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